

depicted for the purpose of showing an alternative material only. Other materials and means of achieving the desired properties for the protective shell may be available, each of which are in keeping with the spirit and scope of the present invention and are meant to be included therein.

Figure 10 depicts the shell of such a slipper (109) in which a heel guard portion (170) has been provided. Such simply provides another protective feature and should be considered an optional feature of the invention.

While the following description will seek to improve understanding of the invention by describing the various components and elements, it should be considered that certain apparatus may be sufficiently and adequately explained by the accompanying drawings, which are fully incorporated herein, and not require further description. All such apparatus should be considered as part of the specification of the invention for all purposes and also to be included within the spirit and scope of the present invention.

Further modification and variation can be made to the disclosed embodiments without departing from the subject and spirit of the invention as defined in the following claims. All such modifications and variations, as included within the scope of these claims, are meant to be considered part of the invention as described.